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VA Northern California

PGY1 Pharmacy Residency

RESIDENCY YEAR 2017-2018

AMBULATORY CARE EXPERIENCES

Anticoagulation

Hypertension

Dyslipidemia

Diabetes

Smoking Cessation

Medication Education

REQUIRED CORE EXPERIENCES

Ambulatory Care I

Ambulatory Care II

Home Based Primary
Care (Longitudinal)

Acute/Inpatient Care

Drug Information

Telephone Care

Pharmacy
Administration

Applied
Pharmacoeconomics

Pharmacy Operations/
Outpatient Pharmacy

Pharmacy Project

Become an Independent Clinical Pharmacist

The Department of Veterans Affairs Northern California Health Care System (VANCHCS) has a long standing Pharmacy Residency Program dating back to 1980. The Residency Program provides the resident with opportunities to practice in an innovative and progressive pharmacy environment that incorporates clinical services, teaching, administration, research, and distribution. Our program offers four PGY1 pharmacy residencies (3 with a focus in ambulatory care and 1 with a focus in applied pharmacoeconomics). Residents are based at either the Sacramento or Martinez campus, although rotations are completed throughout the health system. Schedules are tailored to each individual resident's goals.



**Martinez Outpatient
Clinic**



**Sacramento VA Medical
Center**

The Martinez campus houses outpatient clinics, the Telephone Care Pharmacy (T-Care), the Community Living Center (CLC), and VANCHCS pharmacy administrative offices. The CLC provides residents opportunities to participate in long-term care. Martinez-based pharmacy residents will also spend time at the Oakland, Fairfield and Mare Island Outpatient Clinics.

Sacramento-based residents spend time in outpatient clinics at both Sacramento VA Medical Center and McClellan Outpatient Clinic. The Sacramento VA Medical Center is a teaching hospital affiliated with the UC Davis School of Medicine and provides acute care pharmacy services where residents engage in interdisciplinary medicine rounds.

Research and Teaching

Residents will complete a pharmacy project and present the results at the Western States Conference for Pharmacy Residents and Preceptors. The project will offer opportunities to work with one of the largest patient databases (VA integrated computer system) available in health care. Management skills will be incorporated throughout the initiation, design, implementation, and presentation processes of the project.

Residents are directly involved in precepting pharmacy students, providing each resident with structured teaching opportunities. Residents may have opportunities to lead case conferences and lectures for pharmacy students or other healthcare trainees. Residents will also provide formal and informal presentations to pharmacy students and pharmacy, nursing, medical, and surgical staff.

AMBULATORY CARE FOCUS

Positions Available:

1 in Martinez

2 in Sacramento

Residents will complete the core learning experiences and are encouraged to continue their preferred ambulatory care experiences as an elective. Some residents choose to incorporate other elective experiences into their residency year.

APPLIED PHARMACOECONOMICS FOCUS

Positions Available:

1 in Martinez

This resident will spend ~15 weeks of elective time in a pharmacoeconomics learning experience. This resident may spend extra time in our drug information and administration experiences.



ELECTIVE EXPERIENCES

Outpatient Behavioral Health

Inpatient Behavioral Health

Academic Detailing

Pain Management

Emergency Department

Geriatrics

Community Living Center
(CLC) – Long Term Care

*Others electives may be
arranged upon request*



Benefits

VANCHCS provides the resident with the following benefits:

- **Stipend: \$48,654***
- **Paid Time Off**
 - 10 federal holidays
 - Authorized absences
 - 4 hours of vacation & sick leave per 2 week pay period (up to 13 days each)
- **Education & Travel Allowances (if available) for:**
 - CSHP Seminar
 - ASHP Midyear
 - Western States Conference
- **Federal health and other insurance programs**
- **Participation in Bay Area Residency Network (BARN) Conferences**

*Based on 2015-2016 stipend, FY16 funding not released

Current Residents (2016-2017)

Martinez

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Sacramento

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Please contact our current residents for further information or our residency program director Richard M. Martinez, Pharm.D. (richard.martinez2@va.gov).

Application Process

Qualifications of the applicant:

- Graduate of an accredited college of pharmacy with a PharmD degree
- United States citizenship
- Eligible for pharmacist licensure or current licensure as a pharmacist in one of the US states

Submit a separate application in PhORCAS to each focus in which you want to apply:
(may submit a total of up to three applications)

- Ambulatory Care (Sacramento)
- Ambulatory Care (Martinez)
- Applied Pharmacoeconomics (Martinez)

Applications must be submitted through the Pharmacy Online Residency Centralized Application Service (PhORCAS)^Δ:

- Letter of Intent, Curriculum Vitae, Transcripts, and Three (3) References using the online Standardized Reference available on PhORCAS

Required PhORCAS supplemental information:

- VA Northern California PGY1 Residency Cover Sheet*
- Completed VA Form 10-2850C*

Deadline: January 3, 2017

^Δ <http://www.ashp.org/phorcass>

* Available on our website: www.northerncalifornia.va.gov/careers/pgy1/